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God's loving kindness

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GOD'S LOVING-KINDNESS
Lesson for November 6, 1983
Bible Study Passages: Psalm 103:1-12
Eph. 1:5-10

Introduction

We may frequently spend some time asking for God's forgiveness rather than celebrating forgiveness already received. The writers of the Psalms often expressed praise and thanksgiving for God's intervention in times of tragedy.

Life is indeed fraught with hazards and life-threatening tragedies. One of life's guarantees is that trouble will come to the good and to the bad. To borrow an idea from a popular book title, **Bad Things Do Happen To Good People.** Sad things happen to bad people, too. None is immune from sorrow or sickness. And some of our misfortune is brought on by our own doing. Sometimes we are our own worst enemy.

In the midst of life's tempest we must look for the calm. In other words, we can discover meaning even in the tragic events of life. We may have to look harder, but the meaning is there, perhaps hidden from obvious detection.

James says we are to count it all joy when we fall into troubles. How could anyone in their right mind say such a thing? We only envision meaning in that which is pleasant or beautiful. Someone has said that any fool can sing in the daylight, but it takes faith to sing in the dark night of our soul.

Grateful Praise (Ps. 103:1-9)

"Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name." With this verse the psalmist strikes up a chorus of praises for the loving mercies of God. He gives thanks for pardoned sins and healed diseases. He also gives thanks for God's intervention in life's threatening moments, those occasions when he narrowly escapes possible death or less.

The psalmist acknowledges that God's "benefits" come in the form of abundant yield. These benefits were not merely showered upon the psalmist alone, but also upon the nation Israel. Throughout history God has move with divine compassion and active involvement in the life of Israel. Following the oppression and the subsequent deliverance from Egypt, God continued to steadfastly love His people.

A Love That Pardons (Ps. 103:1-2]

The psalmist stood in amazement at God's willingness to love and forgive the sinful behavior of His people. They knew that if God expressed His anger according to their sins, there would be no hope for them. But God's mercy is high as the heavens above the earth, and He removes the people's sins far from them through His loving mercy. The Psalms offer encouraging and comforting news to wayward and downtrodden people.

Everlasting Love [Eph. 1:3-10]

We turn our attention to the New Testament where Paul speaks to us who live under the new covenant established by Christ. In this passage we see how God has taken the initiative towards His people through the coming of Jesus. God moves towards His people and we have the freedom to respond. God incarnated himself so that we might move towards Him in a close relationship.

God's tender mercies and ability to forgive happened by the most sacrificial means possible, the giving of his son, Jesus. The shedding of His life's blood made forgiveness possible, if the Old Testament believers could read the New they would say, "So this is how God managed to forgive sins!"

Grace is the powerful expression of God's willingness to save those who possess no merit for salvation.

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Local church plans program

Liberty Baptist Church of Appomattox will begin this Sunday, November 6, a seven-week emphasis called "The Christ Bearer Program." This program will focus on how Christ acts in the lives of Christians and enables them to be Christ bearers to other people.

The program includes special emphasis in the morning worship services, group study of the weekly themes, family or personal devotions for home study, special dramatic presentations and a kick-off covered dish dinner on Wednesday, November 9, at 6 p.m. for the entire congregation. Every participant in the program will receive a pocket cross and Christ Bearer card which will serve as reminders to use the ways to share our faith which will be emphasized.

Special guests of the congregation during this period for the morning worship service will be various community organizations.

Running concurrently with the beginning of this program the church will be holding its fall revival services from Sunday evening through Wednesday evening, November 6 - 9. The church's new pastor, Daniel E. Scott, will be bringing the messages nightly and the church sanctuary choir will be leading in special music. Services begin nightly at 7:30 p.m. The church nursery will be provided for pre-school children.

The public is cordially invited to attend this series of services.

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Obituaries

Thomas J. Day, Sr.

Thomas (Tom) Jackson Day, Sr., 85, died in Rich Creek Nursing Home, Gold Bond, on Friday, Oct. 21.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robert Lee Day. Survivors are his wife, of 66 years, Roby Irene Day, Richcreek; four daughters, Lillie Mae Keffer, Blacksburg; Dorothy Irene Skrobbus, Fredonia, Arizona; Martha Ellen Baisden, Pearisburg; Geraldine Marie Newman, Martinsville; seven sons, Thomas Jackson Day, Jr.; Willard Eugene Day, Paul Mason Day, all of Gold Bond; Billy Britton Day, Columbiaville, Mich.; James Edward Day, Pembroke; Walter Linzey Day, Appomattox; 47 grandchildren; and 38 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, Oct. 23 at 1 p.m. in the Williams-Jamison Funeral Chapel, Pembroke, with burial in Birchlawn in Pearisburg.

Mrs. Mary Dell Jones

Mrs. Mary Dell Jones, 51, of Appomattox, passed away Oct. 23, 1983 at Lynchburg General Hospital.

A funeral service was held Oct. 26 at Canaan Baptist Church, Appomattox, with interment in Morgan family cemetery.

West Funeral Home, Appomattox, was in charge of arrangements.

Deacon Cornelious Banks McCoy

Deacon Cornelious Banks McCoy of Route 7, Madison Heights, departed this life Oct. 25 at Lynchburg General Hospital. He was the husband of Mrs. Gertrude Beverly McCoy.

He was born in Amherst County, the son of the late Willie McCoy and Sarah Banks McCoy. He was a retired employee of C & O Railway and a member of Galilee Baptist Church in Gladstone, where he served as a deacon and on the board of trustees.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Norma Ferguson of Lynchburg, Mrs. Norma Ferguson of Lynchburg; a brother, Curtise McCoy of Pittsburgh, Pa.; a sister, Mrs. Louise Tansimore of Monroeville, Pa.; two grandchildren, Michael Ferguson of Elrick and Mrs. Sherry Lowe of Detroit, Mich.; a host of nieces, nephews, many other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Willie Robertson Moss

Mrs. Willie Robertson Moss of Route 3, Box 385D, Appomattox, departed this life Tuesday at Lynchburg General Hospital. She was the wife of the late Saint Moss.

Born in Nelson County, she was the daughter of the late Sally Robertson.

She is survived by one son, Percy Bell of Appomattox; one brother, Tom Robertson of Gladstone; two sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Reavily of Gladstone and Mrs. Florence Leshow of Clifton Forge; five grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A graveside service was conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. from the family cemetery, the Rev. J. D. Scruggs officiating.

Community Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Florrie Mason Petty

Florrie Mason Petty, 90, died Monday morning, Oct. 24, 1983, at a Farmville nursing home. Her husband was the late Elliott L. Petty.

She was born in Campbell County Feb. 2, 1893, the daughter of the late Floyd Mason and Neva Ramsey Mason. She was a member of Midway Baptist Church.

She is survived by one son, Page Petty of Red House; one daughter, Mary Ellen Chapman of Farmville, and four grandchildren, Miss Anne Page Petty, David Petty and Matthew Petty, all of Red House, and Mark Petty of Orlando, Fla.

A funeral service will be conducted at 3 p.m. today (Wednesday) at Midway Baptist Church, near Phenix, by the Rev. Leon Scott. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Henderson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Jake Tyree, Jr.

Jake Tyree, Jr., 55, of Nelson County died Monday, Oct. 24, 1983.

Born in Nelson County, he was a son of the late Jake Tyree and Lillian Tyree.

He is survived by two sons, Roy Edward Tyree of Nelson County and Randy Wayne Hudson of Lynchburg; two daughters, Kathy Marie Hudson of Appomattox and Patricia Ann Hudson of Lynchburg; six brothers, Forest Tyree and Albert Tyree, both of Nelson County, Bill Tyree and Earl Tyree, both of Alexandria, Ernest Tyree of Richmond and George Tyree, and three sisters, Evelyn Shackleford and Mary, both of Richmond, and Lila Taylor of Nelson County.

Thacker Funeral Home, Scottsville, was in charge of arrangements.

Luther Legrand Webb

Luther LeGrand Webb, 76, of Route 3, Appomattox, died at 3 a.m. Oct. 26, 1983, at Lynchburg General Hospital. He was the husband of Annie Gilbert Webb.

Born in Appomattox County, he was a son of the late Luther P. Webb and Rosa Lee Ferguson Webb. He was a deacon and lifelong member of Hollywood Baptist Church and a retired dairy farmer.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one daughter, Joyce Ann Webb of Appomattox; one brother, G. Monroe Webb of Appomattox and one sister, Bettie W. Woodson of Lynchburg.

A funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Friday at Hollywood Baptist Church by Dr. W. W. Sears and the Rev. Winfred Elder. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Jordan concert set

On Sunday, Nov. 6, at 7:30 p.m. the Jordan Young Adult Choir will be sponsoring the Pleasant Valley Young Adult Choir in concert. The public is invited to attend this musical program.

The Senior Choir will have a business meeting Nov. 7, at 7:30. The song committee will meet at 7 p.m.

The Senior Choir will practice on Nov. 10, 1983, at 7:30 p.m. with Mrs. Womack.

The Young Adult Choir will practice on Nov. 8, 1983 at 7:30 p.m.

The Senior Choir will practice Nov. 18, 1983, at 7:30 p.m., with Mrs. Webb.

The Ladies' and Men's Club will meet Nov. 19, 1983, at 7:30 p.m.

On the third Sunday in November at 3 p.m. the Usher Board will be having their anniversary celebration. Guest for this occasion will be the Golden Jubilee from Richmond and the Southern Jubilee from Nathlie, Va.

On the fourth Sunday in November at 7:30 p.m. the Senior Choir will be sponsoring their annual harvest festival.

Magic show set

Sly Ci, the Christian Magician, the Rev. Clinton Brooks, will present a program of gospel messages at Yellow Branch Baptist Church on Rt. 29, 8 miles south of Lynchburg this Sunday, at 7 p.m. He will be assisted by a snow white rabbit named "Peter the Prodigal" and heavenly doves "Faith, Hope and Henrietta."

Rev. Brooks is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Magicians, the Society of American Magicians and the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

Local club selling pecans

The GFWC/Appomattox Junior Woman's Club is selling pecans in order to raise money for their various civic projects.

Shelled, chopped pecans are available for $3.50 per one-pound bag.

Anyone interested in purchasing these nuts should contact Any member of the Junior Woman's Club: Shelia Webb (352-7333), or Sandra White (352-5670). Buy now for the forthcoming holiday season.

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